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<i>Application No.:</i>	10/688,174	}
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<i>Invention:</i>	RETRACTABLE COUPLING APPARATUS	}
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<i>Applicant:</i>	Boyle, Donald C.	}
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2004 and the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated April 25, 2006.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.